

Gossip.

Holstein Females Selling Privately.

In the advertising columns of this issue Thos. L. Leslie of Alluvialdale Farm, Norval, Ont., is offering a dozen or more Holstein females at attractive prices, to make room. The Alluvialdale herd is not only one of the largest, but is also one of the oldest herds in York County, and has for years been run only on a straight, commercial basis with every one of the thirty-odd milking females holding official or private records worthy of treating separately if space permitted. There were, in fact, at the time of our visit several young cows then under test and among them was one 25-lb. three-year-old. These records like all others in the herd were being made under very ordinary conditions as at no time has Mr. Leslie ever specially prepared any cows for official testing. The uniformity of all records in the herd proves this, and breeders purchasing any of these females may feel that every individual is capable of increasing its present record from year to year. It is also worthy of note there are no three-quartered cows in the herd which should make them all the more attractive and safe to select from. These cows are all bred to the senior service sire at the farm, Sir Gelsche Walker, which is a son of King Segis Walker and Urmagelsche Segis 27.12 lbs. He is a grandson of King Segis on the side of both sire and dam and his seven nearest dams average 29.33 lbs. of butter and 520 lbs. of milk in 7 days with a 4.6% average test. All the 1917 and 1918 calves are sired by this bull and include twenty heifers and six young bulls. The bulls range from small calves up to serviceable ages and are worthy of inquiry.

Holstein Bulls at Roycroft.

There are, no doubt, many Ontario Holstein breeders who are to-day looking for a new sire to place at the head of their herds for the coming breeding season. In drawing attention to the various offerings advertised elsewhere in this issue we would suggest that prospective purchasers take special notice of those offered by Roycroft Farm of Newmarket, Ontario. In the offering there are five bulls mentioned specially and all five are of serviceable age. Two are by the senior sire at Roycroft and are therefore brothers to the world's record junior two-year-old heifer, Het Loo Pietertje, 30.28 lbs. of butter in 7 days, while another one is from a 20-lb. junior two-year-old sister of the champion heifer and by Avondale Pontiac Echo, the famous son of the world's greatest milk producer, May Echo Sylvia. The fourth is a 13-months youngster by King Segis Alcartra Spofford, a son of King Segis Pontiac Alcartra (the \$30,000 sire) and has for dam the 27-lb. cow, Keyes Segis Walker Pietertje. The fifth and last is a 14-months youngster and a half brother to the new Canadian champion senior two-year-old, Lakeview Dutchland Calamity Rose. The other calves around the farm are all 1918 calves, and those from the mature cows are nearly all sired by Pontiac Korndyke of Het Loo, the sire of the world's champion junior two-year-old mentioned above. The records of the dams of these youngsters run up as high as 33 lbs. of butter in 7 days, and all are still owned in the herd. In closing we would like to add that there are now nine tested daughters of Pontiac Korndyke of Het Loo in the test, and at an average of two years and five months the average for the nine is 22.68 lbs. of butter in 7 days. Several of these heifers also have 1918 bulls two of which are sired by King Segis Alcartra Spofford and all are a choice lot throughout. When on the market for something choice in Holsteins, and just at this time Holstein bulls of serviceable age in particular, it will pay to write Mr. Shaw, Roycroft Farms, Newmarket; for full particulars regarding his present offering.

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